

Meiji Yasuda's net-zero CO₂ emission goals and initiatives to contribute to a carbon-free society

Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company (Hideki Nagashima, President and Group CEO) would like to announce that we have set new goals for reducing CO₂ emissions in order to contribute to the creation of a sustainable society as stated in our 10-year plan "MY Mutual Way 2030."

1. Our priority issues, "Materiality"

Among the social issues derived from the 17 goals and 169 targets in SDGs, we have set 13 items as "Materiality" from the viewpoint of the degree of impact on our stakeholders and the relevance to our business, and are promoting initiatives to contribute to the resolution of these issues.

"Prolong healthy life expectancy" and "Vitalize regional communities" have been set as "Issues where we place utmost priority". We are working to promote the health of our customers and contribute to the creation of flourishing communities through the Two Major Projects of the "Wellness for All Project", which has been fully deployed since FY2019, and the "Community Vitalization Project" since FY2020.

In addition, in conjunction with the launch of "MY Mutual Way Phase I", our three-year program, we have positioned environmental conservation and climate change responses as "An issue requiring further initiative" and will strengthen our efforts to contribute to the realization of a carbon-free society.



Other Priority Issues



2. Goals for Reducing CO₂ Emissions

As a business enterprise, we will engage in reducing the volume of CO₂ emitted from our company, and as an institutional investor, we will also contribute to the reduction of emissions from investees and financing destinations.

We have set and announced reduction targets for FY2030 for the “Scope1/2” of self emissions so far. We will raise these goals, and also set them for the “Scope3” of self emissions and for emissions from investees.

Furthermore, we will also set a reduction goal of net zero in FY 2050 in both categories and accelerate our efforts to achieve this goal.

| | Category ^{*1} | Goals for Reduction ^{*3} | | (Reference) |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | FY 2030 | FY2050 | FY2019 ^{*3} |
| 【As a business enterprise】 Self Emissions | Scope1/2 | -50% | -100% Net zero emissions | -25.1% |
| | Scope3 ^{*2} | -40% | | -11.5% |
| 【As an institutional investor】 Emissions from investees ^{*2} | Scope1/2 | -50% | | -20.0% |

*1 Classification based on the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), General Guidelines on Supply Chain GHG Emission Accounting. An overview of the classification is as follows;

Scope1: Direct greenhouse gas emissions by the reporting company itself. (e.g. fuel combustion, industrial process)

Scope2: Indirect emissions from the use of electricity, heat, or steam supplied by others.

Scope3: Indirect emissions other than ours in the supply chain. Calculated by limiting to the following seven categories in light of their importance.

| Category | Overview |
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| Category1 | Purchased goods and services |
| Category3 | Fuel-and energy-related activities not included in Scope 1 or Scope 2 |
| Category4 | Upstream transport and delivery |
| Category5 | Waste generated in operations |
| Category6 | Business travel |
| Category7 | Employee commuting |
| Category8 | Leased assets (upstream) |

*2 Category 15 (investments) of Scope3 are separately managed as "emissions by investee/lender." Targets are stocks, corporate bonds, and other financing of domestic listed companies.

*3 Compared to the emissions in FY2013.

3. Initiatives as a Business Enterprise

We have promoted the use of LED lighting at our real estate properties, improved the efficiency of our air-conditioning system, switched to eco-friendly cars for company vehicles, and other energy-saving initiatives, as well as the use of paperless equipment through digitizing various operations so far.

Going forward, we will further strengthen our energy-saving initiatives. In addition, we will strive to reduce emissions throughout the supply chain by actively utilizing digital technologies, reviewing business processes to reduce business traveling and paper consumption, and improving logistics efficiency, etc.

We will also consider the introduction of electricity derived from renewable energy.

4. Initiatives as an Institutional Investor

As a responsible institutional investor, we have been engaged in responsible investing, including investment and financing based on the theme of environmental (E: Environment), social (S: Social), and governance (G: Governance) ("ESG"), and stewardship activities, while ensuring profitability for distributing to policyholders.

Going forward, by expanding and upgrading our initiatives as described below, we will contribute to the realization of a carbon-free society, while paying attention to consistency with the objectives of the Paris Agreement*4.

a) Sophistication of ESG investment and financing methods

By the end of FY2021, we will incorporate the analysis, utilization, and evaluation of ESG-related information into the investment and financing process for all assets under management. Through these actions, we will strive to more accurately identify investment opportunities and investment risks, and aim to shift to a portfolio that contributes to the realization of a carbon-free society.

b) Strengthen engagement (dialogue) activities to support corporate decarbonization

We will make efforts to reduce carbon emissions to the companies in which we invest and finance with the highest levels of CO₂ emissions, based on our assessment of business conversion plans for coal-fired power-related businesses and other projects.

In addition to our independent activities, we will also engage in collaboration with other investors, as well as request our investment management contractors to conduct engagement activities.

c) Promotion of ESG investment and financing

During the period of the current mid-term management plan (FY2021-2023), ESG investments and financing of 500 billion JPY are being planned.

In addition to investments and financing for renewable Energy Power Generation Projects and green bonds, we will further actively provide funds for the transition to a low-carbon society, such as transition finance.

5. Survey and Research Initiatives

We will participate in various frameworks for the realization of a sustainable society, including environmental conservation and climate change, and endeavor to upgrade our efforts by collecting information on the latest trends and examples of advanced initiatives.

In addition, under the framework of TCFD *5, we are working to upgrade scenario analysis associated with climate change, and based on this analysis, we will advance initiatives to increase resilience to climate change.

*4 Multilateral international agreement on controlling climate change adopted at 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference "COP21". Aiming to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions to virtually zero in the second half of the 21st century in order to keep global average temperature increases well below 2°C and to keep them at 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial revolution.

*5 Task force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures. Publication of recommendations to recommend that companies disclose the impact of climate change on their companies.